

REMARKS

Claims 5 and 18 which were indicated to be allowable have been re-written in independent form as new independent claims 20 and 37, respectively. New claims 22-36 which are based on previous claims 3, 4 and 6-19 have been amended to further scope new independent claim 20. Dependent claim 38 which is based on previous claim 19 has been added to further scope new claim 37.

New claim 39 comprises previous claim 3 re-written in independent form and includes the additional feature that the hook engages with the annular groove. Claim 39 is also allowable over the applied art. It is obvious from Salisbury that the free ends of tabs 25, 26 of sleeve 24 are not provided with hooks. Further, the free ends do not engage into the annular groove. Rather an intermediate portion of the tabs engage into the groove. Provision of hooks at the free end of the spring shackles allows to securely attach the jack to the jack contact. With the design shown in Salisbury, there is the risk that sleeve 24 is detached from pin 26 if electron tube 12 with contacts 31, 32 is detached from panel 10.

New claims 40-53 have been added to further scope claim 39 and are also allowable over the art for the same reasons above adduced relative to claim 39 as well as for their own additional limitations. New claims 40-53 are based on previous claims 40 and 7-19.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the Application is believed to be in order for allowance.

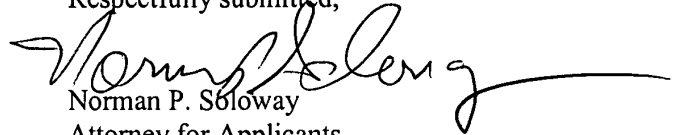
Form PTO-2038 accompanies this amendment in the amount of \$252.00 for the added claims.

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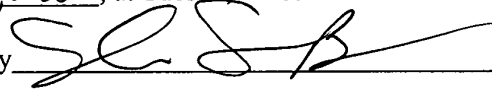


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